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"What are we here for?"

(The following is reprinted as a challenge. Will you emulate that Soldier of the Cross, William Jennings Bryan?)

"It won't be all easy for you, but then what are we here for?" Such is the remark of a good faithful friend in a letter just opened. Thank God for the faithful few who today realize that the Christian life is not primarily a new atmosphere, a new society, a new enjoyment or a new happiness, but definitely a fight.

If this life is likened to a journey, it is long and wearying. If it be a pilgrimage, we are strangers and sojourners—we are "un-at-home." We are to live—

"Strangers among strangers,

No home beneath the sun;

How soon the wanderings ended,

The endless rest begun."

Is this life a race? It is a dogged lap after lap. "The race is no splendid spurt, it is a dogged drudgery. The last lap used to be called 'the Sob': no cross-country winner ever breasts the tape without bleeding feet" (Panton).

Is this life a contest? The apostle speaks of the good fight, the glorious contest, the noble agony. He charges Timothy to "wrestle in the glorious struggle of the faith."—I Tim. 6:12 (Wey.). To the sagging Hebrew believers who had not resisted unto blood against sin he says "with strong endurance let us race along the course that stretches before us"—Heb. 12:4. Himself about to be martyred, Paul says, "I am as wine just about to be spilt on the altar—as a ship at point to put out to sea. I am a wrestler who has striven through a gallant struggle, a runner who has finished his race, a soldier who has kept his oath of loyal obedience. Henceforth there is laid up in store for me the victor's wreath of righteousness"—II Tim. 4:7, 8.

For the sake of brevity let us bundle a cluster of Scripture phrases which characterize the Christian life: "the Captain of our salvation—learned obedience by the things which

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TRUE TO CHRIST

William Jennings Bryan

March 19, 1860 — July 26, 1925

TRIED AND PROVED

When a shipwright builds a vessel, does he build it to keep it upon the stocks? Nay, he builds it for the sea and the storm. When he was making it he thought of tempests and hurricanes; if he did not he was a poor shipbuilder.

When God made thee a believer, He meant to try thee; and when He gave thee promises, and bade thee trust them, He gave such promises as are suitable for times of tempest and tossing. Dost thou think that God makes shams like some that have made belts for swimming, which were good to exhibit in a shop, but of no use in the sea?

We have all heard of swords which were useless in war; and even of shoes which were made to sell, but were never meant to walk in. God's shoes are of iron and brass, and you can walk to heaven in them without their ever wearing out; and His life-belts, you may swim a thousand Atlantics upon them, and there will be no fear of your sinking. His Word of promise is meant to be tried and proved.—Spurgeon.

WHAT EDUCATION, AMERICA?

If education must be religious, who and what shall determine the choice of the religion? Two score years ago that would have seemed an extremely difficult question. But today, with a crisis clarifying the issue, the answer is relatively simple. Indeed, it is glaringly obvious. What religion? The reason the educator thinks this too hard a question is because he would have science answer it. Science cannot answer that question, but history can.

Nietzsche answered it for Germany by turning his back on Christianity. And Hitler has put it into application. With Christianity repudiated, totalitarianism has set up as the alternative. If America has any choice there, it is: Almighty God (Hebrew-Christian conception) or Almighty State (Totalitarianism conception). History has now clarified and boiled down the issue to these alternatives for Western civilization.

Our educators need not worry about whether we possess an instrument for discovering what religion to choose. If they cannot doff their "objectivity," the politicians have not their qualms and will choose. I trust there is nothing mystifying about this. With the wisdom of hindsight at our disposal, it should be plain that there never was much baffling complexity about the choice. The question was answered by history long ago.

The clue to American culture is the Hebrew-Christian strain. The central values of it are derived from it and depend upon the Judeo-Christian faith. If we abandon that we abandon the basis of Western civilization. We thus become pagans and after that barbarians. Education is now compelled to come to terms with this fact. Do we want to carry on our heritage, building our future upon the past? Or do we seek to snap the thread of historical continuity and launch out into the black unknown with an empty spiritual treasury?—Hugh S. Tigner in the chapter on "Why Our Colleges Cannot Educate" in his book, "No Sign Shall Be Given."

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Early Thursday morning, January the 26th, the Seniors enjoyed a breakfast of ham, eggs and bacon in Professor and Mrs. Fish's apartment. As soon as breakfast was over they all "sneaked" off the campus to Norman's Chapel, where they spent the greater part of the forenoon with a devotional service. Each person gave his testimony or favored the group with a special number. Professor and Mrs. Fish each gave a short message from the Word. After a steak dinner at noon, the group spent the afternoon in hiking.

Following Professor Hartman's voice recital on Saturday evening, February 6th, students and faculty from Pennsylvania and their guests gathered in the large music studio for a "Pennsylvania party." After being favored by a reading from Miss Joyce Brubaker and a solo by Miss Flo Mellick, the group enjoyed refreshments, including Swiss cheese and pretzels, sent from Pennsylvania. About thirty persons were present, including President and Mrs. Rudd, and other guests.

On Saturday, February the 13th, at 4:30 sharp, the Juniors hiked off the hill to a spot about two miles down the Chickamauga Lake, where they stopped to fry hamburgers. Before returning to the campus, the students and their chaperons gathered near the fire for a testimony and song service.

On Saturday evening, February the 20th, the student body and staff members assembled in the dining hall for a Washington's Birthday party. After a number of games and contests, the group was conducted to the chapel, where a skit, "The Courtship of Martha Washington," was presented by several students. The group then returned to the dining hall for the serving of refreshments. Serving with Mrs. Hartman, Director of Social Activities, were Gwen Hay as chairman and Ann Wildern as co-chairman for this party.—C. B.

Visiting Speaker

Dr. Clarence H. Benson, Executive Secretary of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association of which William Jennings Bryan University is a member, was a campus visitor on Tuesday, February 16th. As Secretary of the Association, he is visiting many of the member schools, in an effort to stimulate better preparation of college and Bible school students for Bible teaching ministries in hometown churches and Sunday Schools. Dr. Benson not only spoke in the morning chapel service but most of the students assembled to hear him speak before the Christian Service Association in the evening.

Spanish Fiesta

The Spanish classes of the University presented an entertaining program in the chapel on Friday evening, February 26th, under the direction of Mrs. Lucia C. Pettit, Instructor in Spanish.

First on the program was a crowded market scene somewhere in South America, with traveling singers and street vendors garbed in brightly colored costumes. Then followed a more serious phase of the program, a missionary play entitled "Bellas Palabras de Vida," in which a simple yet definite picture of missionary work among Latin Americans was presented.—B. B.

VESPER SERVICE

The work of home missions and missionaries has been stressed at Bryan University this past month. In keeping with this emphasis, an impressive vesper service was presented to the University on Sunday afternoon, February 28th, by the Sophomore Class.

The theme, "Home Missions," was carried out throughout the entire program with short talks from students interested in home mission work. Alice Northup spoke on missionary work among the Indians in this country, while Joyce Brubaker presented the work of the Gideons. The need of presenting Christ to the Jews was brought out in a talk by Miss Agnes Fay, and Robert Harper told of the work that the Christian Service Centers are doing among the service men of this country. George Birch told of the need for Christ in the mountains and of the work being done by the University in this vicinity.

The War After the War

VICTORY, with the unconditional surrender of our enemies—nothing less—this is what we fight for. To this end all of our national energies must be expended. Post-war plans are needed but they must not interfere in the least with the war.

But, there is a WAR going on now that will not end with the unconditional surrender of our national enemies. This WAR has been called "The Conflict of the Ages." It has been going on through the ages and our Victory in World War No. II will not end it. Most likely "The Conflict of the Ages" will break out in another and more terrible world war. As Americans we are much concerned with the winning of the World War, but as Christians we are even more concerned with our part in "The Conflict of the Ages." As a Soldier of Christ in "The Conflict of the Ages" we can best serve in the present World War.

Back of those people, back of these nations with whom we fight, we see the real "Enemy." We see the "Enemy" at work within our nation as well as within the enemy nation. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

While open warfare continues we can see more of the workings of our "Enemy." With national Victory, our "Enemy" will continue just as active even though we may find it more difficult to follow his maneuvers. Soldiers of the Cross should expect "The Conflict of the Ages" to become more and more intense. Our "Enemy" will give us no rest while we attempt to hold our lines against him. We need to strengthen our lines now, and we need to plan for after the war. In so doing we can best serve our nation.

William Jennings Bryan gave his life nearly eighteen years ago in "The Conflict of the Ages." He had been a United States soldier. He was a faithful soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ, and as such fought for the best interests of our nation. We have undertaken to carry on where Mr. Bryan left off in this Christian warfare. We are convinced that the Lord wants the William Jennings Bryan university to have a larger part as an army of His soldiers. Will you fight with us during this war and in the conflict after this war?

Bryan University

Music Recital

The Music Department, under the direction of Professor James William Hartman, presented a recital to the University on February 5th, at 8:00 p.m., in the Chapel.

The program featured the following selections:

Somewhere a Voice Is Calling....*Tate*
Robert Collitt—Trumpet solo
I Know a Lovely Garden.....*Wood*
Eileen Hartschuh
I Am the Builder.....*Cadman*
Elbert Wilson
Thanks Be to God.....*Dickson*
Manford Cain
Auf Wiedersehn*Romberg*
Miss Hartschuh and Mr. Brogan
Carmena Valse*Wilson*
Robert Collitt
Lindy*Spross*
Cleo Graham
Brown Bird Singing.....*Wood*
Norma Rankin
My Flower of Life.....*Gains*
Calvin Miller
Wynken, Blynken and Nod..*Brockett*
Lillian Borgard
Sing Me to Sleep.....*Green*
Clyde Brogan
Abide With Me.....*Rathbun*
Ruth Clement
Annie Laurie..Ar. by J. W. Hartman
Joseph Sullivan
My Mammy's Lullaby.....
J. W. Hartman
Manford Cain
Etude, Op. 40, No. 1.....*Schutte*
Scotch Poem.....*MacDowell*
Anna Kettenring

Hazel Waller announced the program, giving each performer a personal introduction. Miss Waller read Prof. Hartman's poem "My Mammy's Lullaby." This song was ably interpreted by Mr. Cain, with Mr. Collitt playing the off-stage trumpet obligato and with Prof. Hartman at the piano.

Lighting and decorating were done by Calvin Miller. Flo Mellick, Jean Neff, Alice Northup and Joyce Brubaker, music students, served as ushers and stage assistants.

Accompanists were Anna Kettenring, Alberta Henderson, June Lykens, Anita Graham, and Prof. Hartman.—G. B.

THANKS

"To God Almighty I give thanks for that guidance which has brought us to this success in our great crusade. His is the honor, the power and glory forever. Amen."—General MacArthur's order of the day on the Papuan Victory.

The Newsette

WHAT ARE WE HERE FOR?

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He suffered—set His face like a flint—obedient unto death—arm yourselves likewise with the same mind—through much tribulation enter in—strive against sin—resist unto blood—in watching often—watch and pray—strive to enter in—press on—stretch forth—fight the good fight of faith—follow hard—hold fast—lay hold—so run as to obtain—endure afflictions—endure all things—stir into flame the gift that is in thee—take the kingdom by force—war a good warfare—endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ—endure unto the end—faint not—wax valiant in fight." Such are the phrases of the Holy Ghost, all to sting and stir and stimulate—yea, if needs be, to shame us out of softness and "the devastating vice of self-pity."

Small wonder that in face of such battle-cries from the aged warrior there should come forth a persecuted and victorious church. In the year 325 A. D. when the first creed was framed there were some 318 bishops who came together, "young and old, the learned and unlearned—from city, forest, and from caves in the mountains—as specimens of a faith that suffers. The terrible Diocletian persecution had left in their bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus. Many were sitting there who had suffered for the faith, who had come from prisons and from mines, with emaciated frame, maimed limbs, blinded eyeballs, eyeless sockets, scarred faces and withered limbs and paralyzed hands. . . . They had deeply rooted convictions and they were ready to stand for their convictions to the bitter end" (Moncrief Church History).

Good soldiery is the "lost chord" in the Christian Church. If nothing else should come out of this present conflict let us as Christians recover the martial, the militant note. Let every key phrase in this conflict drive us to more wholehearted allegiance to our crucified Captain.

Demon-possessed dictators cry out to their subjects: "Live dangerously—hold your lives cheap!" Can we say "Amen" to Christ? Are we all His? or all talk?

"Our enemies have asked for total war—let us see that they get it." Amen, Lord, and with all the danger and dynamite of the Gospel.

Is the "scorched earth" policy essential that the enemy have no advantage? Is there aught behind us the enemy can use? Do we give place to the devil? Does he get ad-

France and America

In President Rudd's March Birthday Letter reference is made to conflicting ideologies. For a stimulating article and an excellent illustration of conflicting ideologies read General Giraud's "Memorandum on the Fall of France" in the February first *LIFE* magazine and then read the "Letters to the Editors" in the February twenty-second issue of the same magazine, commenting on General Giraud's "Memorandum."

Commenting on the views of General Giraud, J. M. Wells of the Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan, summarizes General Giraud's article in an analogy with conditions existing in some sections of our own society.

The decrease in birthrate and the depletion of the family.

The prevalence of effortless entertainment with the resulting physical degeneracy.

Education that neglects "everything spiritual."

Scandal in high places.

Lack of interest, energy and initiative in industry.

A decrease in the working week from 48 to 40 hours with an increase of leisure time that is spent by many in drinking and other forms of dissipation.

Lack of respect for authority in all spheres of life.

vantage of us? Our Captain says "the prince of this world cometh and he hath nothing in Me"—nothing in the Son of Man for the devil to live upon or lay hold of. "In the warfare we wage against principalities, against powers, etc., we must rob the enemy of every advantage. We must burn, burn, burn. For a truly scorched earth means for us the Devil's defeat."

"It won't be all easy for you, but then what are we here for?"

"My glorious Leader, dost Thou deign

To place me in the fight?
Then is my duty grandly plain,
To quit me as Thy knight.

Never will I desert the post
Thy favor has assigned;
Or pale before the embattled host
Surging before, behind.

Let me Thy battle never shame
By craven compromise,
But play the man for Thy great
Name,

And win the victor's prize."
The Prairie Pastor

FRESHMEN ELECTED TO COUNCIL

Flo Mellick and Kenneth Marken have recently been elected as Freshman representatives on the student council and Sue Barger as non-dormitory member. Other members of the council are: Hazel Waller and Leonard Winstead, Seniors; Beatrice Batson and Samuel Hemberger, Juniors; Alice Northrup and Robert Harper, Sophomores.—F. R.

Sam Says:

Dear Folks:

Did you notice the \$300.00 gift among the February gifts? This is Income Tax time and without that \$300.00 gift we would have fallen far short of \$1,000.00 in February. Would you like to know something about the friends sending that gift? He is a teacher in a university engineering school. Some of his inventions are being used to help win the war. She is also helping win the war by operating a lathe in the basement of their home, turning out parts for war factories. They are helping us to win the Christian warfare.

Yours for Victory,

Sam

For God and Country

Sgt. Ed Paul
North Africa

"... New experiences... I've seen a goodly portion of this continent... many new faces, mostly black."

Corp. Cecil Hanson
North Africa

"... It is quite interesting to watch the Arabs go about in their native way of living."

Pvt. Milton Murphey
Jacksonville, Fla.

"... He has answered so many prayers since I have been in the army."

Pvt. Clair E. Brickel
Camp Gordon, Georgia

"... The Lord has meant very much to me here in the army especially. I've found Him here as anywhere else to be one whom we can rely on through thick and thin."

F 2/c Richard Mowery and his wife, Jean, visited with us for a few days. They are on their way to Pensacola, Florida, where Dick will commence studies as a naval photographer.

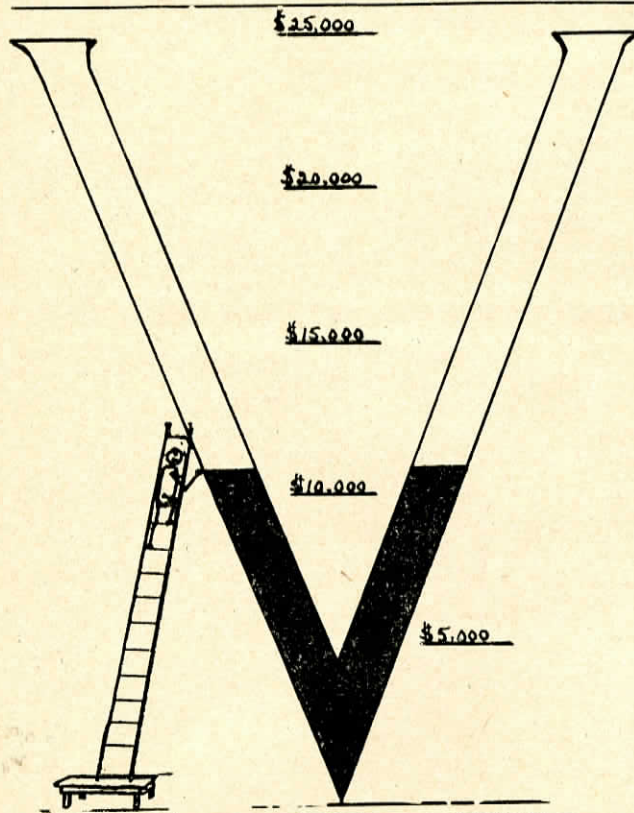
Elbert Wilson, Robert Collitt, and Philip Hirschy, all members of the Freshman Class, left this month for home and induction into the Armed Forces.—G. H.

CHAPEL SERVICE

A very impressive chapel program, dedicated to those students and faculty members who are now serving their country in the armed services, was presented in the University Chapel on February 18th by a group of young men students.

The program was opened with a reading, "The Spires of Oxford" by John Harper, followed by the Boys' Quartet composed of Robert Collitt, Clyde Brogan, Manford Cain and John Harper singing "Am I a Soldier of the Cross." Sam Hemberger, narrator for the program, told of those young men who had given up their preferred way of life to enter the armed service and who are now fighting on all fronts of the world. After this Clyde Brogan and Manford Cain sang a duet, "My Buddy," and Robert Collitt played a solo on his trumpet. Closing the program, the position of the Bryan Soldier was presented in that he is not only an American soldier but he is also a soldier of Jesus Christ. The Quartet sang "Onward, Christian Soldiers," after which Robert Collitt played "Taps."—A. W.

"It is worthwhile to lose all this world can offer and stake everything on the world to come."—Alfred B. Buxton.



February Gift Receipts

1410	3.50	2456	30.00	1502	5.00
1411	1.00	1457	1.00	1503	1.00
1412	5.00	1458	5.00	1504	1.00
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1451	5.00	1497	3.00	1543	1.00
1452	5.00	1498	2.00	1544	25.00
1453	5.00	1499	1.00	1545	2.50
1454	2.00	1500	300.00	1546	2.00
1455	5.00	1501	3.00		
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